

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 212 - SB 1310**

March 1, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Excludes wages paid to certain felons eligible for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit from the employment security premium.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Decrease State Revenues –**

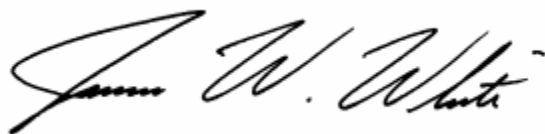
**\$643,000/Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund**

##### Assumptions:

- Approximately 14,289 felons are released on an annual basis in the State of Tennessee. Of this amount approximately one-third will be employed and meet the exemption qualifications of this bill.
- Employers of these felons will no longer pay the average unemployment tax rate of 1.93% on the first \$7,000 of wages, resulting in a decrease in state revenues.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

James W. White, Executive Director